

2006 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

AS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

March 31, 2006



Department of Agriculture

The supplemental **Capital Budget** provides \$17 million to WSDA from the new Energy Freedom Account for providing loans to support bio-energy projects as authorized by [Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill 2939](#). The Capital Budget designates that \$10,250,000 be used for five specified projects.

The supplemental **Operating Budget** adds about \$1 million in one-time funding and \$1.3 million in new ongoing funding to WSDA's 05-07 biennial budget. Items in the Operating Budget include:

- **Avian Influenza Surveillance and Outreach** - \$100,000 and 1.0 FTE to improve early detection of avian influenza in poultry by increasing surveillance and outreach activities.
- **Veterinarian Recruitment and Retention** - \$49,000 to address compensation issues that hinder recruiting and retaining qualified veterinarians in the Animal Health program. Increases salaries for six veterinarian positions by 12%.
- **Animal Identification** - \$85,000 one-time funding to implement [Substitute House Bill 3033](#), which directs WSDA to convene an advisory committee to examine other states' programs and recommend a plan by Dec. 1, 2006 for implementing Washington state's component, including funding.
- **Pesticide Surface Water Monitoring** - \$129,000 to begin monitoring pesticide residues in the tree fruit growing area of the Upper Columbia River to provide additional Washington-specific data for federal assessments of a pesticide's potential risk to salmon.
- **Weights and Measures Fees** - \$241,000 in added expenditure authority plus FTEs to implement [Substitute Senate Bill 6365](#), which increases Weights and Measure program fees.
- **Weights and Measures Inspection Equipment** - \$341,000 one-time funding to purchase shared program equipment needed for inspections.
- **Raw Milk Compliance and Inspection** - \$190,000 and 1.0 FTE for inspecting and testing new licensed raw milk operations and for one-time legal services costs associated with a December 2005 E. coli O157:H7 outbreak caused by raw (unpasteurized) milk from an unlicensed dairy.
- **Small-Scale Dairy Work Group** - \$30,000 one-time funding to convene a work group and report to the Legislature by Dec. 1, 2006 on actions that will assist small-scale dairies to become licensed.
- **Bioenergy Coordination** - \$150,000 and 1.5 FTE for staff to provide state-agency level coordination and agriculture industry outreach critical to the development of the state's bio-energy industry.
- **Biodiesel Fuel Standards** - \$140,000 and 1.0 FTE to implement state biodiesel and ethanol fuel standards required by [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6508](#).
- **Spartina** - \$50,000 one-time funding to increase efforts in Grays Harbor to eradicate this invasive plant.
- **Invasive Species Council** - \$26,000 for costs associated with [Substitute Senate Bill 5385](#), which includes WSDA as a member of a newly created state Invasive Species Council.
- **Noxious Weed Board** - \$100,000 to support noxious weed boards across the state.
- **Asparagus Mechanization** - \$500,000 one-time funding to expand the asparagus automation and mechanization program.
- **Other Costs** - \$280,000, for increased costs of the state's Human Resource Management System, for unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities for PERS 1 pension program, for changes in the cost of state merit system classifications resulting from collective bargaining agreements and personnel rules, and to address a shortfall in funds for attorney general services

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